



May 2, 2017

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bobby Rush
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Rush:

On behalf of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), I am writing in strong support of pending energy legislation being considered by the Energy and Commerce Committee. NECA urges Members of the committee to pass these critical pieces of legislation, especially **H.R. ____, Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017** and **H.R. ____, Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act**.

These long-term energy policy measures focus on the transmission, distribution, storage of energy, and federal permitting process to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure to meet today's modern energy challenges and will bring our nation's energy policies into the 21st century.

NECA is the nationally recognized voice of the \$130 billion electrical construction industry that brings power, light, and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S. NECA's national office and its 119 local chapters are dedicated to enhancing the industry through continuing education, labor relations, safety codes, standards development, and government relations. NECA is committed to advocating for a comprehensive energy policy that addresses all available opportunities for energy exploration and independence.

The benefits of energy legislation are clear: job creation, energy security, energy independence, and economic growth. We urge the committee to move this critical legislation forward to a full committee vote as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marco A. Giamberardino". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

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